# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

the total quantity of natural gas produced in the country during the last three years and upto December 1999, yearwise; the percentage of the total quantity of natural gas utilised during the said period; and the quantity of natural gas which could not be utilised along with the estimated cost thereof during the above period?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : The total quantity of natural gas produced and percentage utilised for the last three years and upto December 1999 are as under:

(Billion Cubic Metres{BCM})

| Year | Production | % utilised |
|---|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 23.255 | 92.4 |
| 1997-98 | 26.401 | 92.9 |
| 1998-99 | 27.428 | 93.8 |
| April to Dec.99 | 21.348 | 94.5 |

(c): The quantity of natural gas which could not be utilised for the last three years and upto December 1999 is as under:

| Year | Unutilised (BCM) |
|---|---|
| 1996-97 | 1.760 |
| 1.879 | |
| 1.712 | |
| April-Dec.99 | 1.168 |

No definite value can be assigned to the unutilised gas because the quantum of gas was not saleable either due to technical reasons or due to adverse economics of development or due to exigencies of development stages of the field.